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2nd Annual “Spotlight on Railtown” Evening Fundraiser Scheduled for Saturday, July 20

Evening Festivities Centered in Historic Roundhouse and Aboard Train

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – In partnership with California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Tuolumne County’s Rotary and Kiwanis clubs will host the 2nd Annual “Spotlight on Railtown” fundraiser on Saturday evening, July 20, 2013, at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown. The goal of this special fundraising event is to support the continuing operation of Railtown 1897 SHP.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m., with local wines and delicious appetizers served in and around the Park’s signature facility, the Historic Jamestown Roundhouse and Shops. As guests tour the facility, they will enjoy live music, turntable demonstrations, historic railcar rides, Sierra No. 3 “Movie Star Locomotive” in operation and a silent auction. Then, for a relaxing grand finale to the evening, guests will enjoy a memorable ride aboard Railtown 1897’s excursion train, with silent auction results announced as the train arrives back at the Depot.

“Spotlight on Railtown” is presented by the Sonora Rotary Club, ‘49er Rotary Club, Twain Harte Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club of Sonora, and sponsored by the Black Oak Casino, Chicken Ranch Casino & Bingo, H&R Block of Sonora, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. Featured wines will include Chatom Vineyards from Calaveras County, Gianelli Vineyards from Jamestown, Indigeny Reserve and Mt. Brow Winery both from Sonora, and Twisted Oak Winery and Zucca Mountain Vineyards both from Murphys.

Tickets for “Spotlight on Railtown” are \$50 per person and all proceeds directly benefit the historic park. Advance tickets are available from local Rotary club members, at the Park itself during regular hours, or online at www.railtown1897.org.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 10 through August 28, 2013 (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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